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a commutator formed by a portion of said armature coil to be integrated with said armature coil at an end thereof, wherein said armature core comprises a belt-like pressed anchoring portion disposed at a portion of said laminated sheets near said commutator for pressing a part of each of said in-slot portions that correspond to said portion of said laminated sheets to said armature core more strongly than other parts of said in-slot portions.

2. (Twice Amended) The armature according to claim 1, wherein said anchoring portion is disposed at least at a distance less than half of the length of said armature core from an end thereof adjacent to said commutator.

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5. (Amended) The armature according to claim 1, wherein said pressed portion has an outside diameter 0.08 % - 0.6 % less than the outside diameter of the rest of the said armature core.

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5 and 6 are pending. By this Amendment, claim 4 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and claims 1, 2 and 5 are amended. Claim 6 is withdrawn from consideration. The amendment to claim 1 only makes explicit that which was implicit in the claim and does not narrow the scope of the pending claims from those previously filed. The amendment to claim 2 replaces the subject matter in originally recited claim 2 that was removed in error. The amendment to claim 5 provides proper dependency as claim 4 is canceled. Thus, no new matter is added.

The attached Appendix includes a marked-up copy of each amended claim (37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(1)(ii)).

Applicants request communications from the Patent Office be forwarded to Oliff & Berridge, PLC, in accordance with the Notice Regarding Power of Attorney mailed on February 26, 2002.